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1. WITH REGARD TO DISCUSSION AT PERMREP LUNCH MARCH 19 CONCERNING COMMEMORATION OF TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY (REFTEL), WE NOTE THAT NONE APPEARED TO SUPPORT SYG LUNS' PROPOSAL THAT MINISTERS MEET APRIL 25 IN BRUSSELS. SHOULD THIS ISSUE ARISE IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH LUNS AND PERMREPS, HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE WOULD NOT FAVOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING ON THAT DATE, BUT BELIEVE THAT

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY COULD EQUALLY APPROPRIATELY BE

MARKED DURING REGULAR SPRING MINISTERIAL GATHERING LATER IN THE YEAR, AS SUGGESTED PARA 5, STATE 33416. CONCERNING THE VENUE OF THE SPRING MINISTERIAL MEETING, WE NOTE THAT CANADIANS APPEAR TO BE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS HOST. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO JOIN A CONSENSUS THAT EMERGED IN FAVOR OF OTTAWA, OR A EUROPEAN CAPITAL, FOR A MINISTERIAL MEETING IN JUNE.

2. IN ADVANCING THE FOREGOING, YOU SHOULD SUPPORT PANSA'S SUGGESTION THAT ALLIES RETAIN FLEXIBILITY AT THIS STAGE. MOREOVER, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT WE PREFER JUNE RATHER THAN APRIL BECAUSE WE BELIEVE ISSUES OF CURRENT ALLIED CONCERN WILL BE RIPER THEN FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. KISSINGER

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